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Annual Meeting of the Water Users of the Summit Creek System and
Representatives of the State Engineer's Office

January 30, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 P.M. by Lee Sim, representative of the State Engineer's office. He welcomed all those present.

Bob Fotheringham was asked to read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made by Cleon Chambers to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Don Hansen. Motion passed.

Jim Gass had copies of the minutes made and distributed them.

Lee Sim reviewed the budget, there had been virtually no expenditures. Mr. Weeks account was discussed. Cleon felt that a letter of explanation would help the situation. Lee Sim explained the delinquency policy of the state. Cleon is running the ground for George Weeks. Don motioned to accept financial report. It was seconded by Cleon Chambers. The motion unanimously passed.

Don asked if the distribution commissioner is needed. The supply is not being divided, it is only being measured. He felt that the problem with the supply is that it is not being divided. Bob felt that most of the problems had been alleviated by the commissioner.

Smithfield Irrigation Company wants a distribution of water, not just a measurement. Jeff Gittins wants the distribution commissioner to adjust headgates on a regular basis. Jeff wondered if Smithfield City took water through exchange or agreement. The bottom line is that Smithfield Irrigation Company has the primary right.

Don Hansen said the commissioner does not have enough measuring devices. Lee asked what could be implemented (i.e. measuring devices) to help the commissioner know the flow from the sources of supply and diversions. North Bench & Logan Northern are the main exchangers and need to be measured at all of the points of exchange.

The general consensus of the group was to upgrade to complete distribution of water rights. ~~Noble Erickson said he wasn't sure the man who could do the job had been created yet.~~ The measuring device at the black pipe and other measuring points were discussed.

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The South Irrigation Company diversion needs reviewing to make a more accurate measurement.

Jim Gass asked that a study to look at additional requirements be conducted by the state or someone to find the real problems.

More organization of the system will be necessary to enlarge the duties of the commissioner.

1. Who would be involved in the new system?
2. Who will pay the cost? Will the assessment be based on water delivered or a fixed percent?

Steve Chambers nominated Don Hansen to be chairman, seconded by Jeff Gittins, motion passed. Don accepted. Noble nominated Jeff Gittins vice-chairman, second by Cleon, passed. Don Hansen made a motion to have Cleon Chambers nominated as a committee member to help in the organization of the distribution. It was seconded by Steve Chambers. Motion passed.

Jeff Gittins asked Lee Sim if he could define what the group wanted from the commissioner. Lee explained what other commissioners do. Jeff motioned to hire a water commissioner to regulate measure and enforce water rights. With a resolution that particular duties be defined at a meeting on February 26, 1991. Cleon seconded, motion passed.

Don asked what to do between now and February 26th. Lee told them to conceptualize what they want to have happen on the system and be prepared to discuss their wants at the meeting on the 26th.

Lee discussed that with the hire of a water commissioner, the state will no longer contract, but will put the new commissioner on the state payroll system.

Don Hansen wants a measurement on black pipe. Jeff wants to know if Hyde Park has met their commitment. He will be into the Water Rights office in Logan to review water rights and agreements. Lynn Davis asked who will notice the expanded group of users of the meeting on the 26th. Lynn wants cooperation. Everyone agreed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Those present at the meeting were:

Lee Sim
Bob Fotheringham
Will Atkin
Cleon Chambers
Don Hansen
Jim Gass
Jeff Gittins
Noble Erickson
Steve Chambers
Lynn Davis
etc.

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